

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the paragraph bridging pages 5-6 of the specification as indicated:

In the method of manufacturing the thermoplastic resin of the present invention according to (2) above, a norbornene monomer mixture which contains a norbornene monomer having a carboxyl group or an acid-anhydride group as the norbornene monomer is preferably used and an epoxy compound is preferably used as the crosslinking agent. As another example of the method of manufacturing the thermoplastic resin according to (2) above, the bulk polymerization of a polymerizable composition (A) is preferably carried out using a radical generating agent as the crosslinking agent and at a reaction temperature below the one-minute half-life temperature of the radical generating agent, and more preferably further using a radical crosslinking retarder as a component of the polymerizable composition (A).